

MOTHER'S DAY WISHES

(Mr. BANKS of Indiana asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. BANKS of Indiana. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to wish my mom a happy 60th birthday. I couldn't ask for a better mom. Most likely her favorite son, I have known each and every day of my life that my mom loves me and she is proud of me.

My mom hasn't always had it easy. She has worked hard all of her life, both as a cook in a nursing home for nearly 40 years and by holding it all together at home as she cared for my dad, my two brothers, and me.

What we need now more than ever is more moms like my mom, and as we celebrate Mother's Day this weekend, we honor our moms and say thank you for their tireless work and sacrifices.

Motherhood is a full-time job and a lifetime commitment, but the impact that mothers make in the lives of their children is profound.

I am grateful for all of the moms in my life, including my extraordinary wife, Amanda, who is raising three extraordinary little girls.

Mr. Speaker, I wish my mom a happy birthday and wish all the mothers in northeast Indiana and across our country a happy Mother's Day on Sunday.

PRESIDENT TRUMP IS IN GOOD COMPANY

(Mr. SMITH of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. SMITH of Texas. Mr. Speaker, here are some excerpts from the book, "Presidential Courage," by Michael Beschloss that might sound familiar:

"Andrew Jackson said, 'I was born for the storm, and calm does not suit me.'"

"Warned that some decision of his would risk a public clamor, Jackson once said, 'I care nothing about clamors, sir. . . . I do precisely what I think just and right.'"

"Theodore Roosevelt genuinely thought of himself as a gladiator against evil. . . . Like Andrew Jackson, he was taking a large risk by challenging the citadels of wealth and power."

"T.R. boasted that the 'farmers, mechanics, small tradesmen, hardworking professional men' all considered him 'their President'. . . ."

"Roosevelt had always inveighed against the 'lies' in the press 'as foul and dirty . . . as ever was made by any dog.'"

To me, President Trump is carrying on the legacies of Presidents Jackson and Theodore Roosevelt.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO SHERRY A. MITCHELL

(Mr. MITCHELL asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. MITCHELL. Mr. Speaker, today, May 7, is my wife's birthday. It may seem like a small thing to many, but it is hard to describe the sacrifice and commitment that it takes to be the spouse of someone who serves in government—the additional things she takes on when Dad is not home, the fun and games when the school calls, or the text message you get: Where did you leave whatever? I need to find it.

So, today, I want to briefly say to my spouse, to Sherry: Thank you very much for understanding my need to serve and joining me in that effort in serving in the House. Happy birthday, and I will see you at the end of the week.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. BANKS of Indiana). Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess until approximately 4:30 p.m. today.

Accordingly (at 2 o'clock and 6 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. BOST) at 4 o'clock and 30 minutes p.m.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

A message in writing from the President of the United States was communicated to the House by Ms. Muriel Ridgway, one of his secretaries.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER PRO TEMPORE

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 8 of rule XX, the Chair will postpone further proceedings today on motions to suspend the rules on which a recorded vote or the yeas and nays are ordered, or votes objected to under clause 6 of rule XX.

The House will resume proceedings on postponed questions at a later time.

VETERANS CEMETERY BENEFIT CORRECTION ACT

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I move to suspend the rules and pass the bill (H.R. 4910) to amend title 38, United States Code, to provide outer burial receptacles for remains buried in National Parks, and for other purposes, as amended.

The Clerk read the title of the bill.

The text of the bill is as follows:

H.R. 4910

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the "Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act".

SEC. 2. PROVISION OF OUTER BURIAL RECEPTACLES FOR REMAINS BURIED IN NATIONAL PARKS.

Section 2306(e) of title 38, United States Code, is amended—

(1) in paragraph (1)—

(A) by inserting "(A)" before "The Secretary of Veterans";

(B) in subparagraph (A), as designated by subparagraph (A) of this paragraph, by striking "The Secretary of the Army" and inserting the following:

"(B) The Secretary of the Army"; and

(C) by adding at the end the following new subparagraph:

"(C) The Secretary of the Interior shall provide an outer burial receptacle for each such a grave in an open national cemetery administered by the National Park Service.";

(2) in paragraph (2)—

(A) by striking "or in the Arlington National Cemetery" and inserting ", in the Arlington National Cemetery, or in a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service"; and

(B) by striking "or Secretary of the Army" and inserting ", the Secretary of the Army, or the Secretary of the Interior";

(3) in paragraph (3)(B)(ii), by striking "or, with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary of the Army" and inserting "or the Secretary of the Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service"; and

(4) in paragraph (4), by striking "or, with respect to Arlington National Cemetery, the Secretary of the Army" and inserting "or the Secretary of the Army with respect to Arlington National Cemetery or the Secretary of the Interior with respect to a national cemetery administered by the National Park Service".

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to the rule, the gentleman from Tennessee (Mr. ROE) and the gentleman from California (Mr. CORREA) each will control 20 minutes.

The Chair recognizes the gentleman from Tennessee.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days in which to revise and extend their remarks and to include extraneous material on H.R. 4910, as amended.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Tennessee?

There was no objection.

Mr. ROE of Tennessee. Mr. Speaker, I yield myself such time as I may consume.

I am pleased that we are considering H.R. 4910, the Veterans Cemetery Benefit Correction Act, which was introduced by Representative SCOTT of Georgia.

Current law requires VA to provide an outer burial receptacle for each new grave in a cemetery under the control of the National Cemetery Administration. H.R. 4910 would extend this benefit to veterans who will be interred in cemeteries under the control of the National Park Service.

This bill only impacts two cemeteries within the National Park Service that are open to new interments. One of these cemeteries, the Andrew